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**EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants' representative discussed the application with the Examiner via a telephone conference of June 24, 2008.

In particular, the Gase reference was discussed (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,081). Fig. 2 of Gase shows that a monitor application 56 receives copies of network transmissions from a primary application 54. (Column 4, Lines 51-61). The retransmission of packets is not the same sharing as in the application. Instead, in the application, Fig. 5 shows that two applications, 520 and 522, share a connection through an API 514 and a shared connection 508 to a network.

The Examiner indicated that while the connection manager of Claim 1 could be interpreted as the primary application in Gase, Claim 7 appeared more favorable in terms of patentability. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the language "for connection to the same remote resource" may be sufficient to overcome the prior art of record but a further search would be required.

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